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STATUTORY TRIBUNALS FOR ARMED FORCES
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Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government had accepted in January, 1999 the demand for setting up of statutory tribunals for armed forces so that serving officers could seek speedy justice on service related matters without resorting to civil courts;

(b) if so, the reasons for delay in constituting these tribunals; and

(c) the details of constitution and modus operandi of the contemplated tribunals?

Answer

MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES)

(a) to (c): The Government have decided, in principle, to set up a statutory Tribunal for Armed Forces for hearing of appeals, against orders, in cases of Court Martials and for adjudication of Service matters of Armed Forces personnel.Legislative proposal, in this regard, has been drafted in consultation with the concerned Ministries/Departments and the matter is under consideration of the Government.